



**TEEN DRIVING STATS
STARTLING FACTS LEAD
TO NEW LAWS**

THE 2008 STATE LEGISLATURE recently passed several laws in response to a staggering fact: the leading cause of death among 15 - 17-year-olds is traffic crashes. According to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, drivers ages 15 - 17 with two or more passengers in their vehicles are twice as likely to be involved in a fatal crash, and 1.5 times more likely to be involved in an injury crash than adult drivers with the same passenger load.

Nighttime driving limitation

For the first six months of licensure, driving is prohibited for drivers under the age of 18 between midnight and 5 a.m. The exemptions are if the driver is: accompanied by a licensed driver age 25 or older; driving between home and work or a school event; or driving for employment purposes.

Teen passenger limitations

For drivers under the age of 18 during their first six months of licensure, only one passenger under the age of 20 is permitted, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For the second six months of licensure, no more than three passengers under the age of 20 are permitted, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Cell phone/text-messaging restrictions

It is illegal for drivers under the age of 18 to use a cellular or wireless phone, whether hand-held or hands-free, except to call 911 in an emergency. As of August 1, 2008, it is illegal for drivers of any age to compose, read or send text messages or access the Internet on a wireless device while on the road.

For more information, obtain a copy of "Teens behind the Wheel, A Roadmap for Parents," at the front desk of the Bloomington Police Department, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road.

**FREE SEMINAR
SUSTAINABLE REMODELING**

THE HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (HRA) is offering a free home improvement seminar. "Green Materials for Remodeling" will be offered on **Thursday, October 23, 7 p.m.** The seminar will focus on earth-friendly and sustainable remodeling products.

For more information, contact Tom Holman at 952-563-8941 or visit the City's Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword: HRA.

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
FIRE STATIONS OPEN HOUSES**

THE CITY'S SIX FIRE STATIONS and Public Safety Training Facility celebrate National Fire Prevention Week with an open house on **Saturday, October 11, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Meet Fire, Police and Public Works employees and enjoy a variety of activities, demonstrations and tours. Free t-shirts, temporary tattoos and wrist bands will be available for kids. For more information, call 952-563-4801.



OPEN HOUSE

Visit your local fire station
**Saturday, October 15
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

STATION NO.	ADDRESS
1	10 W. 95th St.
2	10601 Xerxes Ave. S.
3	2050 E. 86th St.
4	4201 W. 84th St.
5	10540 Bush Lake Road
6	8601 Lakeview Road

ALSO STOP BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING FACILITY OPEN HOUSE!
7525 Braemar Blvd., Edina.

SESQUICENTENNIAL NEWS

**BLOOMINGTON HOSTS PRESTIGIOUS CONTEST
FEDERAL DUCK STAMP ART COMPETITION**

BLOOMINGTON HAS A LONG HISTORY of wetlands and wildlife conservation. Early efforts preserved one-third of the community as parks and open space. In doing so, important, often fragile, rivers, lakes, ponds and wetlands were protected from development. Bloomington also has a history of fostering arts in the community. The Bloomington Arts Center is committed to stimulating creativity by making high quality arts programs accessible to people of all ages, skills and abilities. Thus, it's no surprise that the City of Bloomington was chosen to host the Federal Duck Stamp Art Contest's first visit to Minnesota.



A judge takes a closer look at the Duck Stamp Contest entries.

Sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the 2008 Federal Duck Stamp Art Contest will be held **October 17 - 18** at Bloomington Center for the Arts, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road. Contest entries will be on display at the Center for the Arts beginning **Friday, October 10**. Judging begins **Friday, October 17, 9:30 a.m.**, with a performance by the Angelica Cantanti Youth Choir and a welcome from Mayor Gene Winstead.

A panel of five judges will announce a winner on **Saturday, October 18, 1 p.m.** The winning design will be made into the 2009 - 2010 Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, or "Duck Stamp." The contest judging is free and open to the public.

Since the inception of the Federal Duck Stamp program in 1934, sales of Duck Stamps have generated more than \$700 million to acquire and preserve more than 5.2 million acres of migratory waterfowl habitat.

For more information, visit www.fws.gov/duckstamps.

**A BIT OF HOMETOWN HISTORY
BLOOMINGTON RESIDENT WINS CONTEST IN 1972**

Bloomington resident Joan Cook remembers when her husband Arthur, an artist and wildlife enthusiast, won the Duck Stamp Contest in 1972.

"My husband was very interested in hunting, fishing and wildlife conservation. He was also a tremendous artist," Cook said. "When he won, he couldn't believe it; he thought they were joking, but then the phone started ringing off the hook with people wanting to buy prints and we knew it was true."

FIXING UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Evelyn has received help with yard work, snow removal and small repairs for the past 10 years. Although Evelyn turned 91 years old last April and uses a walker to get around, she said she is able to manage living alone in her home with assistance from her family and the HOME program.

The program is provided through Senior Community Services, a nonprofit agency. It is funded by the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging, United Way, Bloomington Housing and Redevelopment Authority, the City of Bloomington and other cities that it serves. HOME offers homemaking and maintenance services to older adults who wish to remain independent in their houses and apartments. Services are based on a sliding fee scale and include housecleaning, laundry, grocery shopping, snow removal, lawn care, interior and exterior painting, and minor home repairs.

For more information, call 952-888-5530 or visit www.seniorcommunity.org.

**LENDING A
HELPING HAND
SERVICES FOR SENIOR
HOMEOWNERS**

HOME (Household and Outside Maintenance for the Elderly) has been helping Bloomington seniors for more than 25 years. Through the program, Bloomington resident



**CAMPUS RENOVATIONS
NEW ADDITION AND GARDENS**

BUILDING RENOVATIONS and a major addition were recently completed at the Bloomington campus of Northwestern Health Sciences University.

The 48,000-square-foot addition, the Wolfe-Harris Center for Excellence, was completed in September. In addition, the Standard Process Healing Gardens, located between the new addition and the main campus, are now open.

Northwestern Health Sciences University offers classes in natural health care education, including Oriental medicine, acupuncture, therapeutic massage and human biology. The University has more than 900 full-time students on its 25-acre campus in Bloomington.